

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the through consideration given the present application. Claims 8-23 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 8-23 as being allowable.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by DeFlippis (US Patent 5,825,208). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claim 4 rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over DeFlippis in Hoover et al. (US Patent 4,910,420). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is also rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 4.

Conclusion

In view the Examiner's indication of allowability of the remaining claims, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse Reg. No. 27,295 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


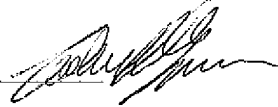
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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